

[Report No. 17.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 9, 1863.

Read twice and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

JANUARY 26, 1863.

Reported back with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed. Strike out the part within [brackets,] and insert the part in *italics*.

Mr. SARGENT, on leave, introduced the following bill :

A BILL

To establish a branch mint of the United States in the Territory of Nevada.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That a branch of the mint of the United States be located
4 and established at Carson City, in the Territory of Nevada,
5 for the coinage of gold and silver.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, for carrying on
2 the business of said branch, the following officers shall be
3 appointed as soon as the public interest shall require their
4 service, upon the nomination of the President, by and with
5 the advice and consent of the Senate, namely: one superin-

6 tendent, one assayer, one melter and refiner, and one coiner;
 7 and the said superintendent shall employ as many clerks,
 8 subordinate workmen, and laborers, under the direction of the
 9 Secretary of the Treasury, as may be required. The salaries
 10 of the said officers shall be [the same as is now paid to like
 11 officers of the branch mint of the United States located in
 12 the city of San Francisco, California,] *as follows: To the*
 13 *superintendent, the sum of two thousand dollars; to the*
 14 *assayer, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars; to the melter*
 15 *and refiner, eighteen hundred dollars; to the clerks, subor-*
 16 *dinate workmen, and laborers, such wages and allowances as*
 17 *are customary according to their respective stations and occu-*
 18 *pations.*

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers and
 2 clerks to be appointed under this act, before entering upon
 3 the execution of their offices, shall take an oath or affirmation,
 4 before some judge of the United States or of the supreme
 5 court of said Territory, faithfully and diligently to perform
 6 the duties of their offices, and shall each become bound to
 7 the United States of America, with one or more sureties, to
 8 the satisfaction of the director of the mint, or the secretary
 9 of the Territory of Nevada, and of the Secretary of the
 10 Treasury, with the condition of the faithful performance of
 11 the duties of their offices.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the general

2 direction of the business of said branch of the mint of the
3 United States shall be under the control and regulation of the
4 director of the mint at Philadelphia, subject to the approba-
5 tion of the Secretary of the Treasury; and for that purpose
6 it shall be the duty of the said director to prescribe such regu-
7 lations and require such returns periodically and occasionally,
8 and to establish such charges for parting, assaying, refining,
9 and coining, as shall appear to him to be necessary for the
10 purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this act in
11 establishing said branch; also for the purpose of preserving
12 uniformity of weight, form, and finish in the coin stamped at
13 said branch.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said branch
2 mint shall be a place of deposit for such public moneys, as
3 the Secretary of the Treasury may direct. And the super-
4 intendent of said branch mint, who shall perform the duties
5 of treasurer thereof, shall have the custody of the same, and
6 also perform the duties of assistant treasurer; and for that
7 purpose shall be subject to all the provisions contained in an
8 act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of
9 the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and
10 disbursement of the public revenue," approved August six,
11 eighteen hundred and forty-six, which relates to the treasury
12 of the branch mint at New Orleans.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the superin-

2 tendent of said branch mint be authorized, under the direction
3 of the Secretary of the Treasury, and on terms to be pre-
4 scribed by him, to issue in payment of the gold dust and bul-
5 lion deposited for assay and coinage or bars, drafts, or certifi-
6 cates of deposit, payable at the treasury or any sub-treasury
7 of the United States, to any depositor electing to receive pay-
8 ment in that form.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That all the laws
2 and parts of laws now in force for the regulation of the mint
3 of the United States, and for the government of the officers
4 and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all
5 offences connected with the mint or coinage of the United
6 States shall be, and they are hereby, declared to be in full
7 force in relation to the branch of the mint by this act estab-
8 lished, as far as the same may be applicable thereto.

1 SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of
2 one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby,
3 appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
4 appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act,
5 and to meet the expenses of the current year and for the fiscal
6 year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and
7 sixty-four.